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Hello,

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I would like to comment on all the alternatives. With the alternatives presented, I'd have to comment that the 6-lane with Pacific Interchange is the best of the ones presented.

However, I strongly feel that the options presented are far too limiting, and might only provide incidental relief with congestion being a major issue still.

I feel 520 is the highest transportation priority we have...even larger than Aurora Bridge. I'd suggest that we are thinking way too small here.

I believe an 8--or even a 10--lane option would help meet the future needs. Even more than that, I'd like to suggest that we take this opportunity to really think about the future needs and opportunities. With that in mind, I would like to see 520 extended beyond the Western end I-5 termination point. 520 should be extended out--in either bridge or tunnel form--to the Ballard/Magnolia area (perhaps going down to 4 lanes once past I-5). Not only would this meet the realities of our current transportation problems, it could also solve some of the I-5 congestion issues, as drivers would not necessarily need to use I-5, Mercer Street, or 45th/50th streets when heading into Western Seattle.

I'm not blind to the cost, but we need to really think about what our needs are here and plan for the next 25-40 years, and not build a bridge that is outdated the minute it goes up.

Thank you for listening.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

See Section 1.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.